

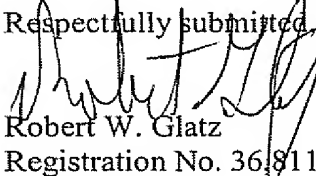
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Remarks

Applicants respond herein to each of the issues raised in the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application and the indication of allowance of Claims 7-16, 19-21, 23, 26, 28-38, 46 and 47. Claims 1-5, 24 and 39-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Office Action, pp. 2-3. In order to expedite issuance of the present application, the rejected claims have been canceled to place this case in form for allowance. The cancellation of these claims is without prejudice to Applicants' right to file a continuation application directed to the canceled claims.

Conclusion

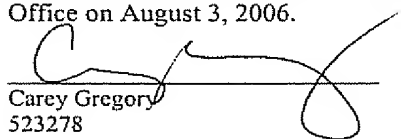
In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the present application. If further informalities are noted, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite allowance of the present application.

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